

The Groundplane

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ARRL Member Club
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President 's Message

This month was quieter, Field Day aftermath has passed. The board had a nice Thank You dinner a few weeks ago, about a dozen people (elected and appointed board members, and volunteers frequently helping to improve club life) shared a meal at Market Broiler in Fremont. Food was good, and we had plenty of fun.

Please don't forget to sign up for the Zucchini Festival (August 18th and 19th). This is the clubs largest fund raiser. Help us to sustain a good level of cash – it will help us to keep our field day equipment on a modern level and more. This year the club purchased a really wonderful linear power amplifier (an Elecraft KPA500), which served very well on this year's Fieldday at Lake Elizabeth. To sign up, please visit the club website www.sbara.org.

Yes, and there is this matter. For the ones who haven't heard the news during the last meeting: I soon will be leaving the Bay Area for good, my current plan is to depart towards Germany on December 21st. My last meeting therefore will be in November, before Thanksgiving. It was a very hard decision to make, but in the end there was no choice. I'm enjoying myself here a lot and will leave many really good friends in California. And I will miss all the opportunities I had: chasing balloons, working with the Parachute Mobile group, Fieldday, Pacificon, the VE group, flying lessons, bike rides, and the list goes on.

Now, this will have an impact on the club, too. With my departure, the club once again is in need of somebody who can step up as president. I know (and I felt that myself): you think this is a difficult job which would cost a lot of time. The president has to work on administrative things and must be in front of the auditorium handling the meeting. But it isn't that bad. Actually I'm having a great time as your president, I'm enjoying the meetings and the organizational tasks. It's a good learning experience, and it is surprising what you can achieve with only a few hours work per month. It certainly surprised me.

The board has put efforts into recruiting more interns onto the SBARA board and will continue to do so. This does pay off: people who worked on the board before learned how the club ticks and will soon be able to directly help with the administration as an elected board member. One of these folks might become your next SBARA president. This means, we will have vacancies on the board again. If you want to move things in your club: join the board, it's fun!

With this in mind we will start nominations for the board election pretty early this year.

See you at the membership meeting!

Bernhard AE6YN

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Keynote Speaker for the August SBARA membership meeting

We are proud to have Ron Meadows K6RPT and Don Ferguson AI6RE with us. They will present the California Near Space Project (CNSP) and report how they broke various world records using weather type latex balloons. See you at the meeting!

Nets

The SBARA net

Every Monday night at 7:30 pm

N6IMS (WA6PWW) repeater, 147.015 MHz, positive offset, PL 103.5 Hz.

Topics are club related things, projects you're working on and so on. It's a chat net. We need net control operators. If you'd like to be net control, let us know during the next net.

The Slow CW net

Every Thursday and Sunday night at 7:30 pm

144.230 MHz.

You need an "allmode" (i.e. not just an FM) radio in order to follow.

The net has now its own e-mail address. Please contact us here:

"SF Bay CW Enthusiasts" <sf-bay-cw-enthusiasts@googlegroups.com>

National Night Out net

Tuesday August 7th at 7:00 p.m.

N6NFI Repeater. 145.230 MHz PL 100.0

NCS: KI6BEN - John Vargas.

If possible, contact your block captain and find out if your block is having a block party that night. Set up your station to demonstrate how Ham radio can be used for community assistance. For more information on the National Night Out event, visit <http://www.nationaltownwatch.org/nno/>

Repeaters

WA6PWW

147.015+ 600Khz, PL 103.5

WA6PWW

223.900- 500Khz, PL 107.2

WA6PWW

442.600+ 5Mhz, PL 107.2

K6AIR

441.525+ 5Mhz, PL 123.0

K6AIR

146.940—600Khz, PL 123.0

SBARA BOARD OF DIRECTOR 'THANK YOU' DINNER.

Having dinner out with a group of good friends and watching them enjoy themselves is a joy. Especially when you and your friends have worked together to make something a success. That something is the great year SBARA is having. The dinner was a thank you to all the board members for their assistance in making the year a success for all the membership. Ten SBARA board members were treated to dinner by our president Bernhard AE6YN at the Market Boiler restaurant in Fremont on Friday July 20th. It was an evening of good food, good fellowship and a 'thank you' for the job well done. It was decided by the board to do it again next year for all the board members who give a little of their time to keep the club running smoothly and insuring all the members get back something during the year for their support of SBARA. So remember, get on the board and have a great time at next year's 'thank you' dinner with your fellow SBARA board of directors.

73,

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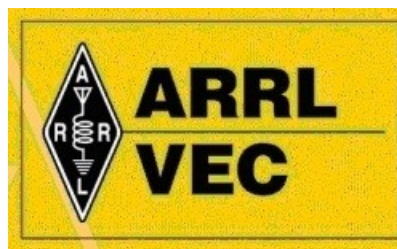
Tri-City VE group

Exams will be administered at Hurricane Electric, 48233 Warm Springs Blvd., Fremont.

Contact: Bernhard, ae6yn at arrl dot net for info. \$15 fee, bring a photo ID. Walk-ins allowed.

Tri-City VE Session Dates 2012

Tue Aug 14, 2012, 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Sat Sep 8, 2012, 9:00 am - 11:30 am
Tue Oct 9, 2012, 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Sat Nov 10, 2012, 9:00 am - 11:30 am
Tue Dec 11, 2012, 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm



Tri-City VE Session Dates 2013

Sat Jan 12, 2013, 9:00 am - 11:30 am
Tue Feb 12, 2013, 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Sat Mar 9, 2013, 9:00 am - 11:30 am
Tue Apr 9, 2013, 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Sat May 11, 2013, 9:00 am - 11:30 am
Tue Jun 11, 2013, 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Sat Jul 13, 2013, 9:00 am - 11:30 am
Tue Aug 13, 2013, 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Sat Sep 14, 2013, 9:00 am - 11:30 am
Tue Oct 8, 2013, 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm
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Get Involved with SBARA

Our regular meetings take place the second Friday of the month at Hurricane Electric. Pre-Meeting social dinner begins at 6pm. Then at 7pm our meeting social begins with the monthly meeting starting at 7:30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend, regardless of whether you are a member. Bring a friend! Or if you're thinking about becoming a ham, come and learn about the hobby!

Membership is open to all licensed radio amateurs. The annual membership fee of \$35 help support the upkeep of our repeater, as well as participate in the Annual Field Day, plus other communication events.

VE testing is scheduled through-out the year on the second Saturday of the month on even months and on the second Tuesday of the month. Details are in this issue of the Groundplane.

Calendar

Fri Aug 10, 6 pm pre SBARA Meeting dinner at Zorbas, 46505 Mission Blvd.

Fri Aug 10, 7:30 pm SBARA membership meeting, Hurricane Electric, 760 Mission Ct

Sun Aug 12, 7:30 pm Slow CW net, 144.230 MHz

Mon Aug 13, 7:30 pm SBARA net, 147.015 MHz, positive offset, 103.5Hz sub tone

Tue Aug 14, 6:30 – 9:00 pm Tri-City VE session, Hurricane Electric, 48233 Warm Springs Blvd

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Thu Aug 16, 7:30 pm Fremont ARES meeting, 3300 Capitol, Building A

Thu Aug 16 7:30 pm Slow CW net, 144.230 MHz

Sat Aug 18, and

Sat Aug 19, Zucchini Festival in Hayward – need your help!

Sun Aug 19, 7:30 pm Slow CW net, 144.230 MHz

Mon Aug 20, 7:30 pm SBARA net, 147.015 MHz, positive offset, 103.5Hz sub tone

Tue Aug 21, 7:30 pm ARES net, 147.015 MHz, positive offset, 103.5Hz sub tone

Thu Aug 23, 7:30 pm Slow CW net, 144.230 MHz

Sun Aug 26, 7:30 pm Slow CW net, 144.230 MHz

Mon Aug 27, 7:00 pm SBARA board meeting, Mission Coffee, 151 Washington Blvd

Mon Aug 27, 7:30 pm SBARA net, 147.015 MHz, positive offset, 103.5Hz sub tone

Tue Aug 28, 7:30 pm ARES net, 147.015 MHz, positive offset, 103.5Hz sub tone

Thu Aug 30, 7:30 pm Slow CW net, 144.230 MHz

Sun Sep 2, 7:30 pm Slow CW net, 144.230 MHz

Mon Sep 3, 7:30 pm SBARA net, 147.015 MHz, positive offset, 103.5Hz sub tone

Tue Sep 4, 7:30 pm ARES net, 147.015 MHz, positive offset, 103.5Hz sub tone

Thu Sep 6, 7:30 pm Slow CW net, 144.230 MHz

Sat Sep 8, 9:00 am – 11:30 am Tri-City VE session, Hurricane Electric, 48233 Warm Springs Blvd

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New business card

SBARA will order new business cards. Here are samples of the old and the new card:



The new card was designed using the artwork for the new banner we received in April this year.

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News from Newark CERT

The Zucchini Festival

Hayward August 18-19

For a number of years, the SBARA radio club has provided radio support for the Zucchini Festival. It is a major fundraiser for the SBARA club, since the festival donates money to SBARA for providing radio support at the event. If you are available for that weekend, please consider volunteering for a shift or two. You can receive some free tickets to the festival for your family & friends for volunteering. More information is at the SBARA website (click on the Zucchini Festival link at the left under Annual Events).

EC-001 Exam Saturday

August 11th

Our East Bay ARES Section leadership is again offering an exam session where you can get your EC-001 Emergency Communications certification. This is for folks who have studied the material on their own, and are ready to take the exam. The EC-001 course and exam are also offered through the ARRL, but this local exam option is a great service from our Section leadership.

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